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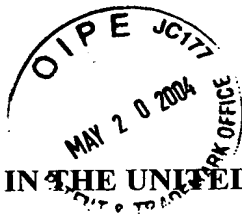
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**In re patent application of**

Hideo Kikuchi et al.

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**Group Art Unit:** 2877

**Filed:** November 29, 2001 **Examiner:** Juan D. Valentin

**For:** OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE PATH, MANUFACTURING METHOD AND  
COUPLING METHOD OF THE SAME, AND OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE PATH  
COUPLING STRUCTURE

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF**  
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Priority Document submitted and filed on November 29, 2001, be officially acknowledged. Attached is a copy of the first page of the Priority Document and a copy of the date-stamped postcard. A Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 17, 2004. However, the Examiner has only partially acknowledged the Priority Document. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner officially acknowledge the Priority Document. Approval and acknowledgment of receipt are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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62 Pages Specification, Claims and Abstract 12 Total Claims 11 Independent Claims

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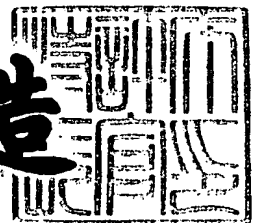
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